

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
April 14, 2015

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:03 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Roma Amundson, Alan Doster, Doug Emery, Jacquelyn Miller, Molly Burton (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark. Karla Lester arrived at 5:25 PM.

Members Absent: Michelle Petersen, Craig Strong, Michael Tavlin and Brittany Behrens (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Scott Holmes, Charlotte Burke, Steve Frederick, Kathy Cook, Gwendy Meginnis, Steve Beal, Renae Rief; Adam Rhoads, Nancy Clark and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Dustin Stegen, Ainsley Vatanasombat, Colleen Svoboda, and James Michael Bowers.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes. Ms. Halstead asked that under Legislation Update – LB332 be deleted.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the March 10, 2015 Minutes be approved as amended. Second by Ms. Amundson. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Burke introduced Mr. Stegen & Ms. Vatanasombat – UNL interns who are completing an internship rotation at the Health Department.

Ms. Halstead introduced Ms. Svoboda, Nebraska Department of Health Public Health Administrator. Ms. Svoboda is also a trained site visitor for the Public Health Accreditation Board. She stated she is happy to provide support to the Department and the Board of Health. Ms. Halstead introduced Mr. Bowers. Mr. Bowers is a social worker and therapist. The Mayor's Office is proposing the appointment of Mr. Bowers to the Board of Health. His appointment will be reviewed by the City Council and County Board of Commissioners in the next couple of weeks.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated the Mayor's Office is proposing the reappointment of Dr. Doster and Mr. Strong to the Board of Health for a three year term.

Dr. Stark expressed her thanks and appreciation to Ms. Halstead, Ms. Burke and Ms. Severe for the good work with the Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony. It was very well done. Ms. Halstead expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Board members who attended. Channel 10 will begin airing the Awards Ceremony April 17th.

Ms. Halstead stated she is working the UNMC College of Public Health on workforce development. Twenty-one graduate students will visit the Department on April 21, 2015. She will provide an overview of the Department and the students will also receive a tour of the Department and ride-alongs with staff for inspections, home visits, etc.

The Department will host a MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning & Partnerships) Update Meeting on April 23, 2015. The Department completed the MAPP Process in 2011 and needs to revisit the process as a part of accreditation. Sixty-five individuals from the community will attend the meeting and participate in the survey and the community themes and strengths focus groups.

Ms. Halstead stated staff will begin budget preparations in the fall for the 2016-2017 budget years. She noted the Department will be looking at the number of Health Department employees who are eligible to retire in the coming years. If everyone who is eligible to retire would retire this year, it would cost the Department 1.2 million in payout costs. The Department wants to be fiscally proactive and plan for the upcoming expenses.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Election of Officers

Dr. Stark stated nominations for the Board of Health for 2015 -2016 are: Heidi Stark – President and Jacquelyn Miller – Vice-President. No nominations were received from the floor.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the Board of Health elect Heidi Stark, DDS as President and Jacquelyn Miller, DDS as Vice-President of the Board of Health for 2015-2016. Second by Ms. Amundson. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

B. Proposed Reappointment to the Food Advisory Committee

Mr. Holmes stated staff are requesting the reappointment of Curt Magnus to the Food Advisory Committee. Mr. Magnus is the Managing Partner of Texas Roadhouse and currently serves as an industry representative on the Committee.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Board of Health reappoint Curt Magnus to the Food Advisory Committee for a second term. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Legislation Update

Ms. Halstead stated staff continue to monitor and follow the 2015 Legislative Session. Bills of interest include: LB472 – the redesign of the Medicaid to increase efficiencies and better serve Nebraskans in the medical assistance program - Bracketed; LB31 – Eliminate motorcycle and moped helmet requirements - General File; LB332 – MEDS Disposal Program – appropriate funds for implantation of a statewide program; LB118 – Licensure of Cigar Shops – passed and signed by the Governor and the Appropriations Committee’s hearing of the public health request for funding for local public health departments in Nebraska.

B. Keep Lincoln-Lancaster County Beautiful Program Update

Mr. Rhoads provided an update on the Keep Lincoln Lancaster County Beautiful Program including the program goals of a clean, healthy and safe community; organizing residents to take action; reducing litter through clean-up projects; and preventing litter through education. He explained the neighborhood grant program, the community improvement grant program, illegal dumping issues, education efforts in the schools including the cleanest high school campus, and the Earth Wellness Festival. He highlighted the Program’s efforts in working with local businesses and other programs and resources.

C. Progress on Updating Goals & Indicators

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the Department’s efforts to update the Performance Goals and Indicators. She stated the Goals were established in 2011 and the Department is in the process of updating and revising the goals. She reviewed the 4 Year Goals and the progress made for personal health, environmental health, community’s health and the health (infrastructure) of the Department. Personal health goals included eliminating smoking in City of Lincoln parks, trails, etc; increasing the number of Lincoln residents who walk; assuring medical and dental homes for Lincoln and Lancaster County residents and implementation of a worksite wellness program for City employees with 80% employee participation.

Environmental goals included assuring the stormwater system in Lincoln stays free of illicit discharge, establishment of a permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Lincoln/Lancaster County and the reduction in foodborne illness.

Community Health goals included assuring all pets are vaccinated for Rabies and licensed in Lincoln, decreasing the number of individuals injured by dog bites and reducing garbage complaints related to having no service by 50%.

Health of the Department (Infrastructure) goals included assuring staff are satisfied

with Information & Management support, staff have hardware and software available for their daily work assignments and management of the Department's spending to assure revenue recovery for the financial health of the Department. She stated the goals and indicators are being reviewed and revised to make them more realistic and staff are now better able to measure results.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – May 12, 2015 - 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President